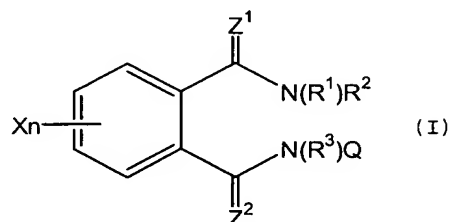


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (**Canceled**) A phthalamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 , which may be same or different, represent hydrogen atom, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group, halo C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group or $-A^1-(G)_r$ (in this formula, A^1 represents C_1 - C_8 alkylene group, C_3 - C_6 alkenylene group or C_3 - C_6 alkynylene group; G , which may be same or different, represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group, halo C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy carbonyl group, di(C_1 - C_6) alkoxy phosphoryl group in which the (C_1 - C_6) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C_1 - C_6) alkoxy thiophosphoryl group in which the (C_1 - C_6) alkoxy groups may be same or different, diphenylphosphino group, diphenylphosphono group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkylthio group, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, C_1 - C_6

alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (as used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means pyridyl group, pyridine-N-oxide group, pyrimidinyl group, furyl group, tetrahydrofuryl group, thienyl group, tetrahydrothienyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, oxadiazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, thiadiazolyl group, imidazolyl group, triazolyl group or pyrazolyl group), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -Z³-R⁴ (in this formula, Z³ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -N(R⁵)- (in this formula, R⁵ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆

alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), and R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, formyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, mono (C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group,

phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group); and r represents an integer of 1 to 4); further, R¹ and R² may be taken conjointly to form 4- to 7-membered rings which may be intercepted by 1 to 3, same or different oxygen atom, sulfur atom or nitrogen atom;

X, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different

substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ [in this formula, A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁸- (in this formula R⁸ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)-, -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and

(1) in cases where A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR⁸- (in this formula, R⁸ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkenyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of

halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A³-R⁹ (in this formula, A³ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, C₃-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R⁹ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁴-R¹⁰ (in this formula, A⁴ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -C(=O)-; and R¹⁰ represents C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy

group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group));

(2) in cases where A² represents -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylamino group, substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl

group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

(3) in cases where A² represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group, R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, tri(C₁-C₆) alkylsilyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁵-R¹¹ (in this formula, A⁵ represents -O-, -S-, -SO- or -

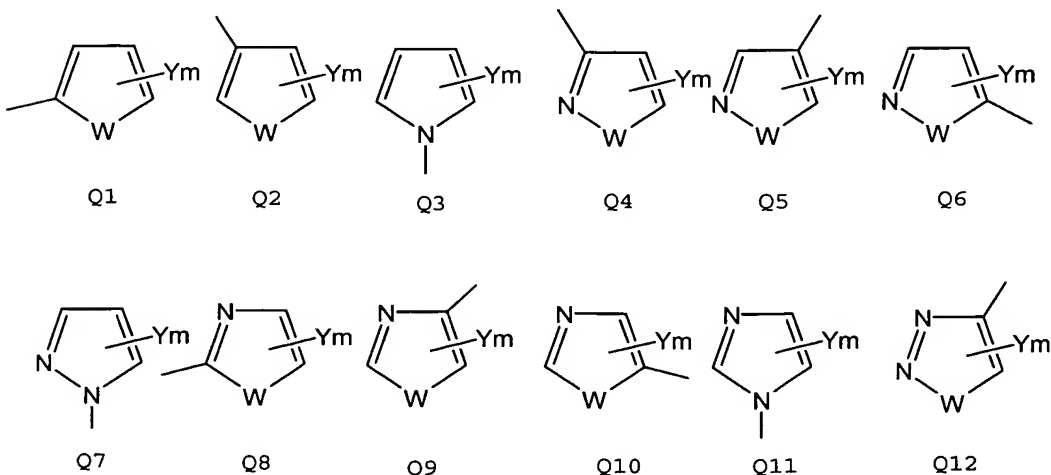
SO₂⁻; and R¹¹ represents C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁶-R¹² (in this formula, A⁶ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R¹² represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenoxy group, substituted phenoxy group having at least one, same or different substituents

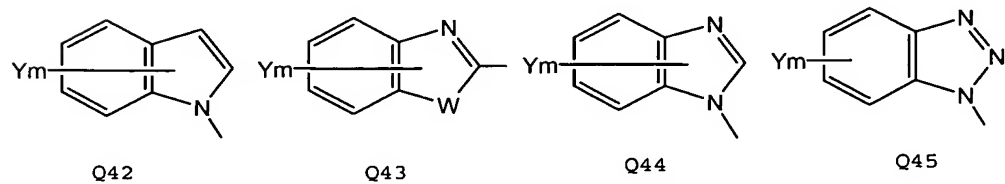
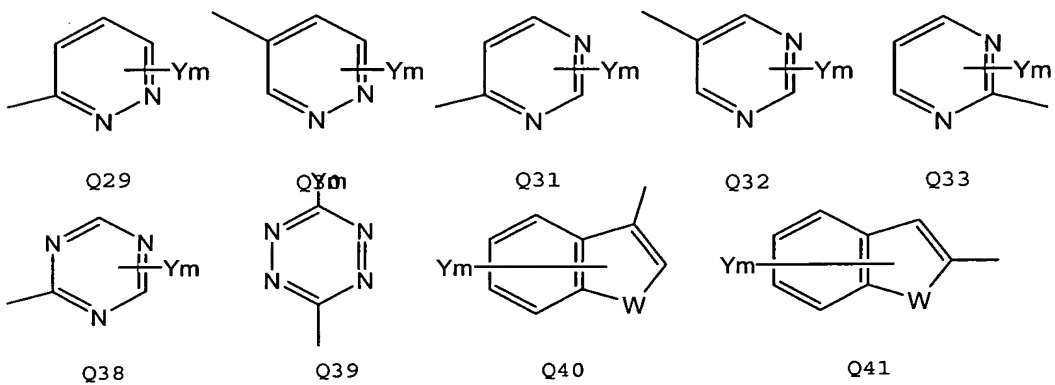
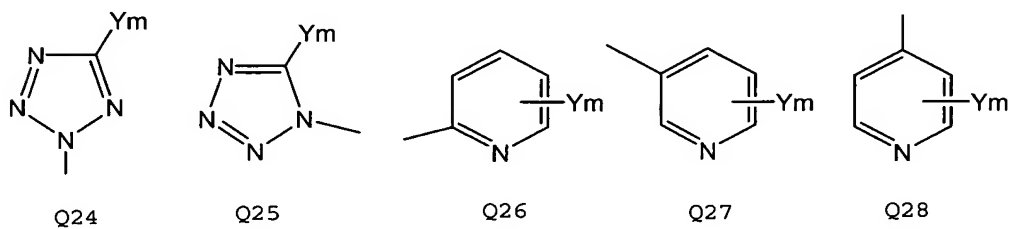
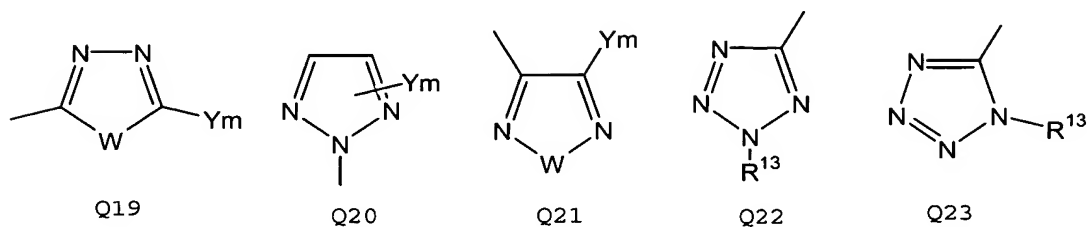
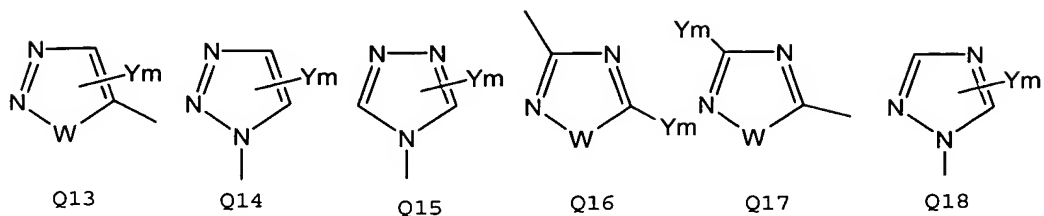
selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylthio group, substituted phenylthio group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group))];

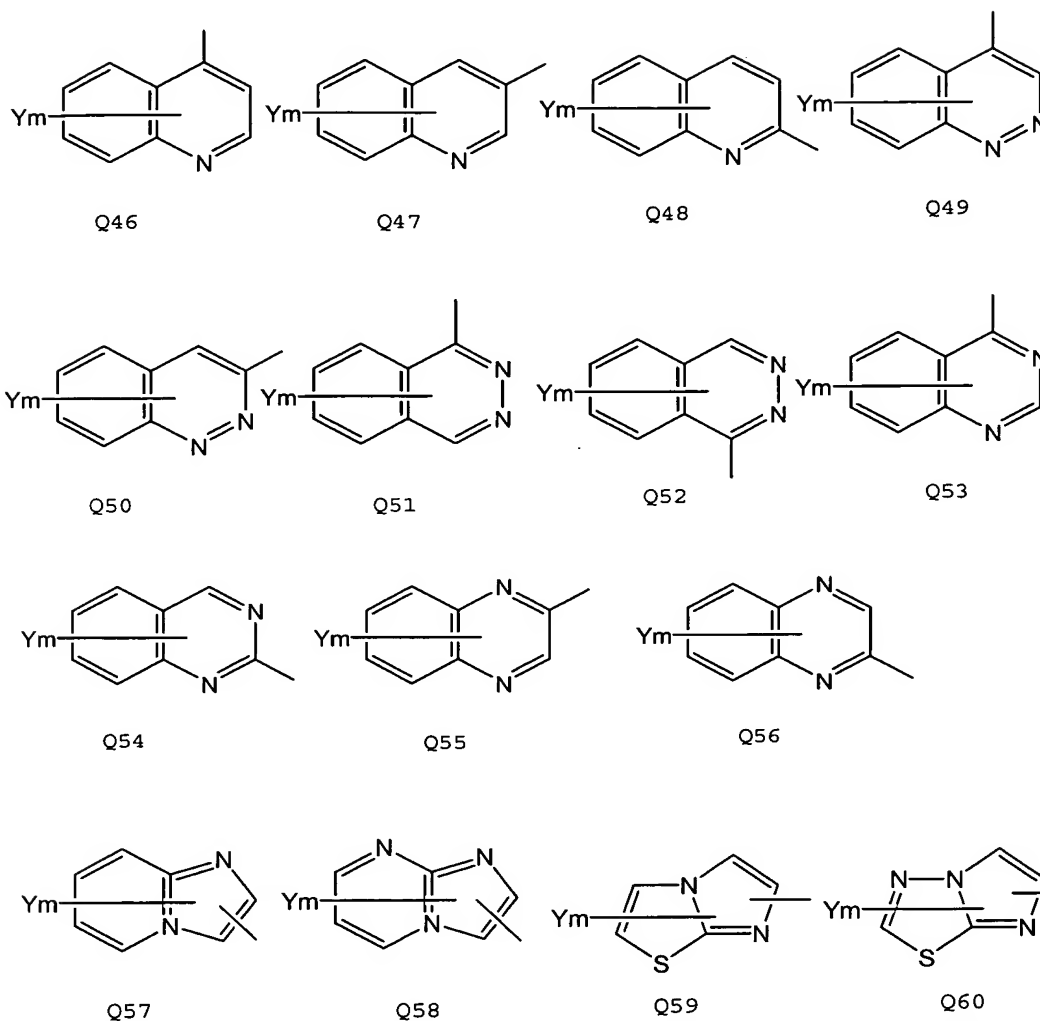
n represents an integer of 0 to 4; further, X may be taken conjointly with the adjacent carbon atom on the phenyl ring to form a fused ring (as used herein, the term fused ring means naphthalene, tetrahydronaphthalene, indene, indane, quinoline, quinazoline, chroman, isochroman, indole, indoline, benzodioxane, benzodioxole, benzofuran, dihydrobenzofuran, benzothiophene, dihydrobenzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indazole), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆

alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

Q represents an N-, S- or O-containing, optionally substituted, heterocyclic group or fused heterocyclic group, selected from the group consisting of the following formulas Q1 to Q60;







(in these formulas, Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic

group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ (in this formula, A² and R⁷ are as defined above); m represents an integer of 0 to 6; R¹³ in the formula Q22 and Q23 represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and

halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, or substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group);

alternatively, Y may be taken conjointly with adjacent carbon atom on the ring to form a fused ring (the fused ring is as defined above), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

W represents O, S or N-R¹³ (in this formula, R¹³ is as defined above); and Z¹ and Z² represent oxygen atom or sulfur atom;

provided that (1) when X, R¹ and R³ simultaneously represent hydrogen atom, Z¹ and Z² simultaneously represent oxygen atom, Q represents Q27, and Y is a chlorine atom of 2-position, then R² is not 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl group .,

(2) when X, R¹ and R³ simultaneously represent hydrogen atom, Z¹ and Z² simultaneously represent oxygen atom, Q represents Q27 and m is 0, then R² is not 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl group, and

(3) when X, R¹ and R³ simultaneously represent hydrogen atom, Z¹ and Z² simultaneously represent oxygen atom, Q represents Q16 and Y represents methylthio group, then R² is not hydrogen atom and methyl group.

Claim 2. (**Canceled**) A phthalamide derivative according to claim 1, wherein R¹, R² and R³, which may be same or different, represent hydrogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group or -A¹ -(G)_r (in this formula, A¹ represents C₁-C₈ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group or C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; G, which may be same or different, represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, diphenylphosphino group, diphenylphosphono group, phenyl group,

substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (as used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means pyridyl group, pyridine-N-oxide group, pyrimidinyl group, furyl group, tetrahydrofuryl group, thienyl group, tetrahydrothienyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, oxadiazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, thiadiazolyl group, imidazolyl group, triazolyl group or pyrazolyl group), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -Z³-R⁴ (in this formula, Z³ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -N(R⁵)- (in this formula, R⁵ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from

the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), and R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, formyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino carbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the

group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group); and r represents an integer of 1 to 4); further, R¹ and R² may be taken conjointly to form 4- to 7-membered rings which may be intercepted by 1 to 3, same or different oxygen atom, sulfur atom or nitrogen atom;

X, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆

alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ [in this formula, A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁸- (in this formula R⁸ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)-, -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and

(1) in cases where A^2 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR⁸- (in this formula, R⁸ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkenyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A³-R⁹ (in this formula, A³ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, C₃-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R⁹ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁴-R¹⁰ (in this formula, A⁴ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -C(=O)-; and R¹⁰ represents C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl

group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group));

(2) in cases where A² represents -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylamino group, substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring

thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

(3) in cases where A² represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group, R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, tri(C₁-C₆) alkylsilyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group,

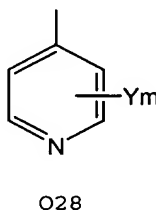
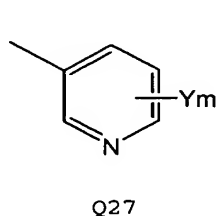
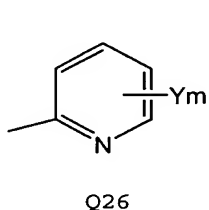
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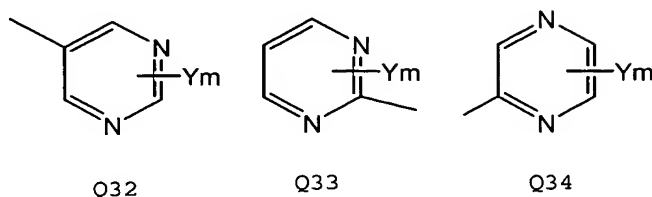
alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenoxy group, substituted phenoxy group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylthio group, substituted phenylthio group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group))];

n represents an integer of 0 to 4; further, X may be taken conjointly with the adjacent carbon atom on the phenyl ring to form a fused ring (as used herein, the term fused ring means naphthalene, tetrahydronaphthalene, indene, indane, quinoline, quinazoline, chroman, isochroman, indole, indoline, benzodioxane, benzodioxole, benzofuran, dihydrobenzofuran, benzothiophene,

dihydrobenzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indazole), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

Q is an optionally substituted, heterocyclic or fused heterocyclic group represented by one of the following formulas Q26 to Q28 and Q32 to Q34;





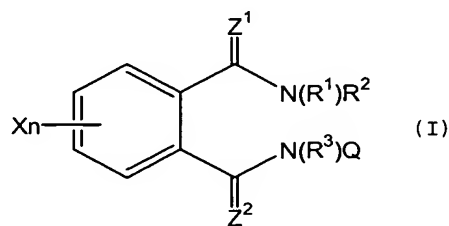
(in these formulas, Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ (in this formula, A² and R⁷ are as defined above); m represents an integer of 0 to 4;

alternatively, Y may be taken conjointly with adjacent carbon atom on the ring to form a fused ring (the fused ring is as defined above), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-

C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

Z¹ and Z² represent oxygen atom or sulfur atom.

Claim 3. **(Currently Amended)** A phthalamide derivative represented by the following formula (I):



wherein according to Claim 2, wherein R¹, R² and R³, which may be same or different, represent hydrogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl

group or $-A^1-(G)_r$ (in this formula, A^1 represents C_1-C_8 alkylene group, C_3-C_6 alkenylene group or C_3-C_6 alkynylene group; G , which may be same or different, represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C_1-C_6 alkyl group, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl group, halo C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl group, C_1-C_6 alkoxy carbonyl group, di(C_1-C_6) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C_1-C_6) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C_1-C_6) alkoxy groups may be same or different, diphenylphosphino group, diphenylphosphono group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C_1-C_6 alkyl group, halo C_1-C_6 alkyl group, C_1-C_6 alkoxy group, halo C_1-C_6 alkoxy group, C_1-C_6 alkylthio group, halo C_1-C_6 alkylthio group, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, halo C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl group and halo C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (as used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means pyridyl group, pyridine-N-oxide group, pyrimidinyl group, furyl group, tetrahydrofuryl group, thienyl group, tetrahydrothienyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, oxadiazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, thiadiazolyl group, imidazolyl group, triazolyl group or pyrazolyl group), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C_1-C_6 alkyl group, halo C_1-C_6 alkyl group, C_1-C_6 alkoxy group, halo C_1-C_6 alkoxy group, C_1-C_6 alkylthio group, halo C_1-C_6 alkylthio group, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, halo C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl group and halo C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl group, or $-Z^3-R^4$ (in this formula, Z^3 represents $-O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-N(R^5)-$ (in this formula, R^5 represents hydrogen atom, C_1-C_6 alkylcarbonyl group, halo C_1-C_6 alkylcarbonyl group, C_1-C_6

alkoxycarbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), and R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, formyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group,

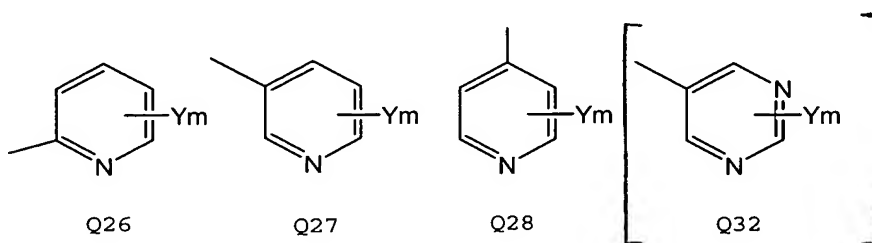
mono (C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group); and r represents an integer of 1 to 4); further, R¹ and R² may be taken conjointly with the N to which they are attached to

form 4- to 7-membered rings which may be intercepted by 1 to 3, same or different oxygen atom, sulfur atom or nitrogen atom;

X, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, amino group, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonylamino group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonylamino group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, or tri(C₁-C₆) alkylsilylethynyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different; and n represents ~~an integer of 0 to 4~~ an integer of 1 to 4; further, X may be taken conjointly with the adjacent carbon atom on the phenyl ring to form a fused ring (as used herein, the term fused ring means naphthalene, tetrahydronaphthalene, indene, indane, quinoline, quinazoline, chroman, isochroman, indole, indoline, benzodioxane, benzodioxole, benzofuran, dihydrobenzofuran, benzothiophene, dihydrobenzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indazole), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo

C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

Q represents an optionally substituted, heterocyclic or fused heterocyclic group, having one of the following formulas Q26, Q27, or Q28 ~~or Q32~~ :



(in these formulas, Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo

C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenoxy group, substituted phenoxy group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and m represents an integer of 0 to 4;

alternatively, Y may be taken conjointly with adjacent carbon atom on the ring to form a fused ring (the fused ring is as defined above), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group,

halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

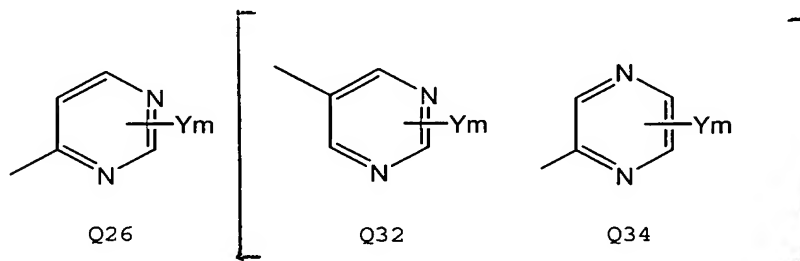
Z¹ and Z² represent oxygen atom or sulfur atom.

Claim 4. (**Currently Amended**) A heterocyclic amine derivative represented by the following general formula (IV'):



wherein:

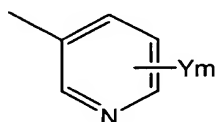
(1) in cases where Q' represents ~~one of Q26, Q32 and Q34~~ Q26,



Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio

group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkyl-sulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, m represents an integer of 1 to 4, and at least one of Y, of which total number is m, is ~~perfluoro C₂-C₆~~ perfluoro C₃-C₆ alkyl group; and

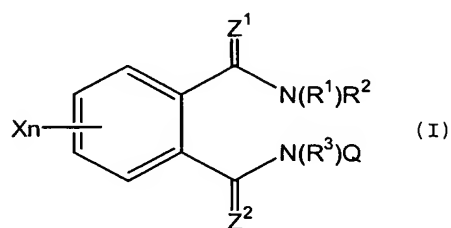
(2) in a case where Q' represents Q27:



Q27

Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkyl-sulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, m represents an integer of 1 to 4, and at least one of Y, of which total number is m, is perfluoro C₂-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, ~~provided that Y is not 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy group.~~

Claim 5. **(Currently Amended)** An agrohorticultural insecticide containing, as an active ingredient thereof, a phthalamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 , which may be same or different, represent hydrogen atom, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group, halo C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group or $-A^1-(G)_r$ (in this formula, A^1 represents C_1 - C_8 alkylene group, C_3 - C_6 alkenylene group or C_3 - C_6 alkynylene group; G , which may be same or different, represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group, halo C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl group, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy carbonyl group, di(C_1 - C_6) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C_1 - C_6) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C_1 - C_6) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C_1 - C_6) alkoxy groups may be same or different, diphenylphosphino group, diphenylphosphono group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkylthio group, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, halo C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfinyl group, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl group and halo C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (as used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means pyridyl group, pyridine-N-oxide group, pyrimidinyl group, furyl group, tetrahydrofuryl group, thienyl group, tetrahydrothienyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, oxadiazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, thiadiazolyl group, imidazolyl group, triazolyl

group or pyrazolyl group), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -Z³-R⁴ (in this formula, Z³ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -N(R⁵)- (in this formula, R⁵ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen

atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), and R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, formyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and

halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group); and r represents an integer of 1 to 4); further, R¹ and R² may be taken conjointly with the N to which they are attached to form 4- to 7-membered rings which may be intercepted by 1 to 3, same or different oxygen atom, sulfur atom or nitrogen atom;

X, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ [in this formula, A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁸- (in this formula R⁸ represents

hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), - (=O)-, -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and

(1) in cases where A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR⁸- (in this formula, R⁸ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkenyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as

defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A³-R⁹ (in this formula, A³ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, C₃-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R⁹ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁴-R¹⁰ (in this formula, A⁴ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -C(=O)-; and R¹⁰ represents C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting

of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group));

(2) in cases where A² represents -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylamino group, substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio

group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

(3) in cases where A² represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group, R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, tri(C₁-C₆) alkylsilyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁵-R¹¹ (in this formula, A⁵ represents -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-; and R¹¹ represents C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo

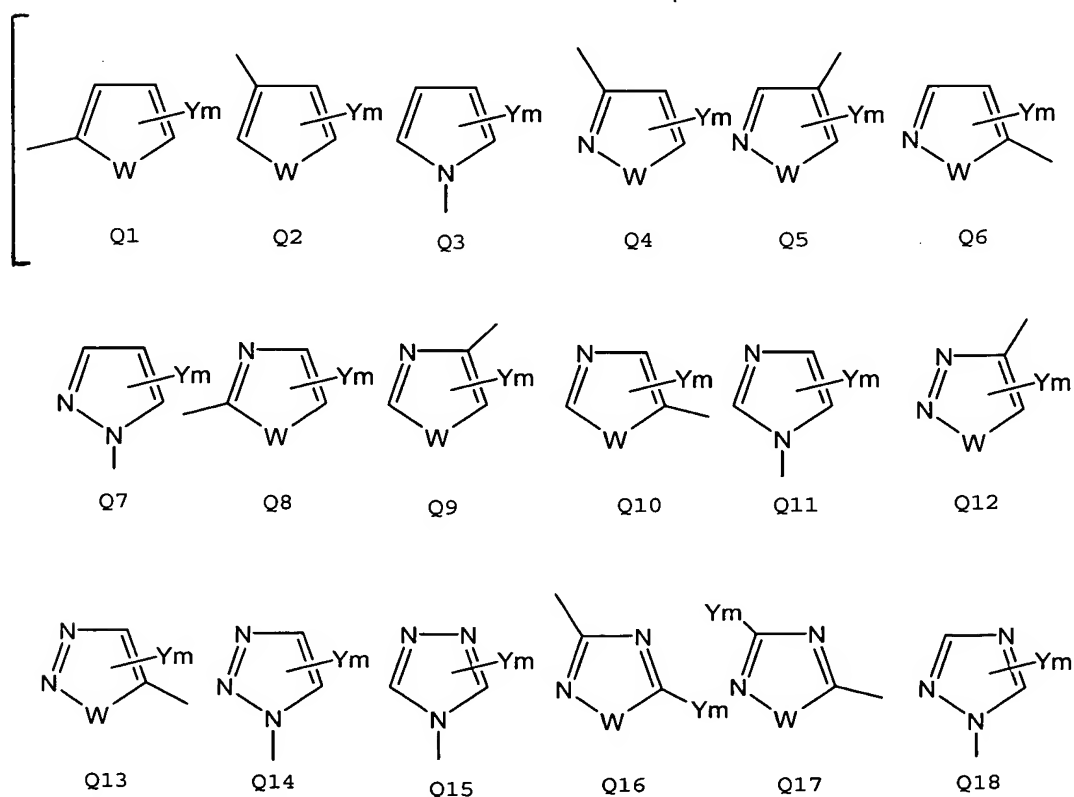
C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁶-R¹² (in this formula, A⁶ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R¹² represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenoxy group, substituted phenoxy group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylthio group, substituted phenylthio group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of

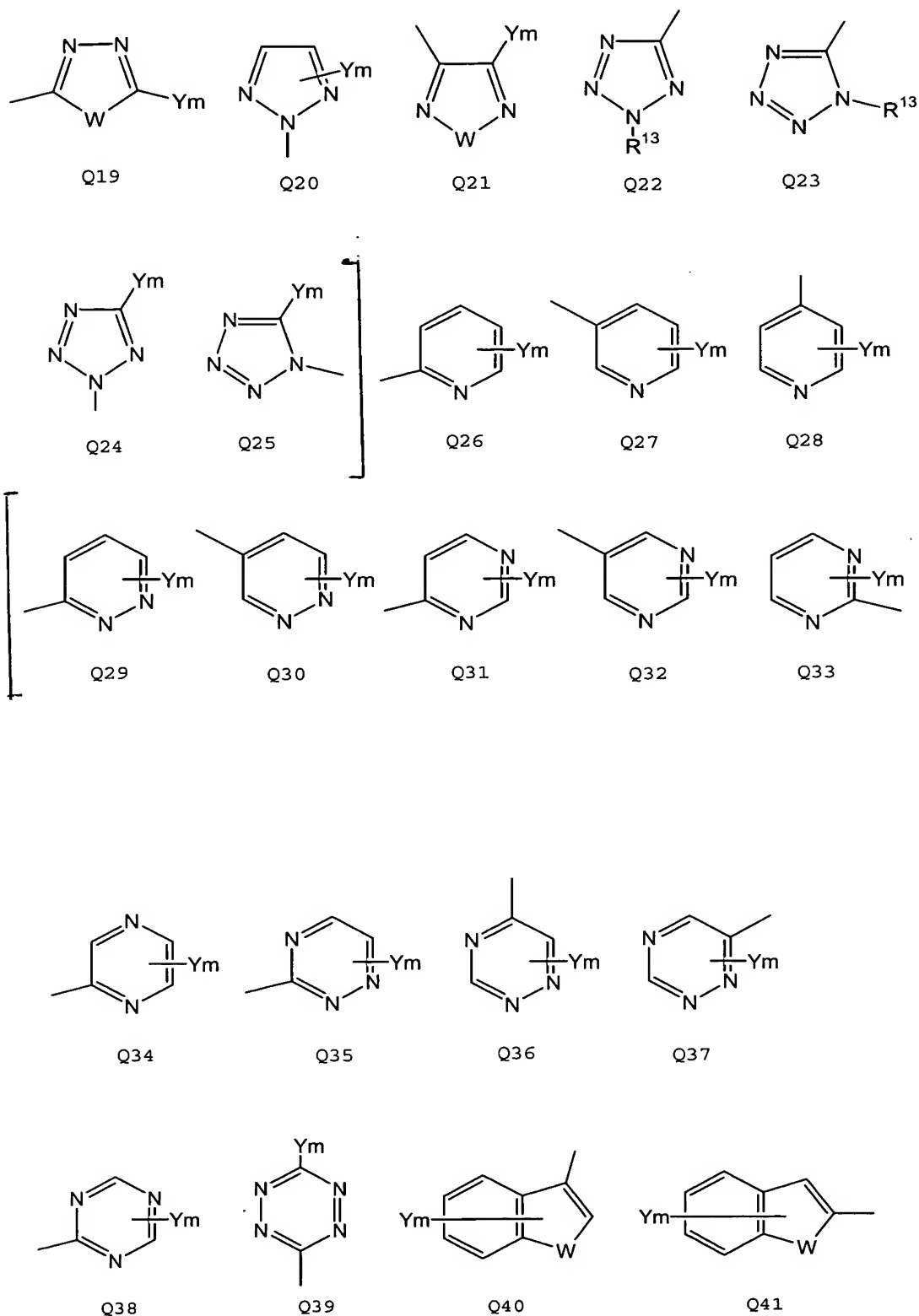
halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group));

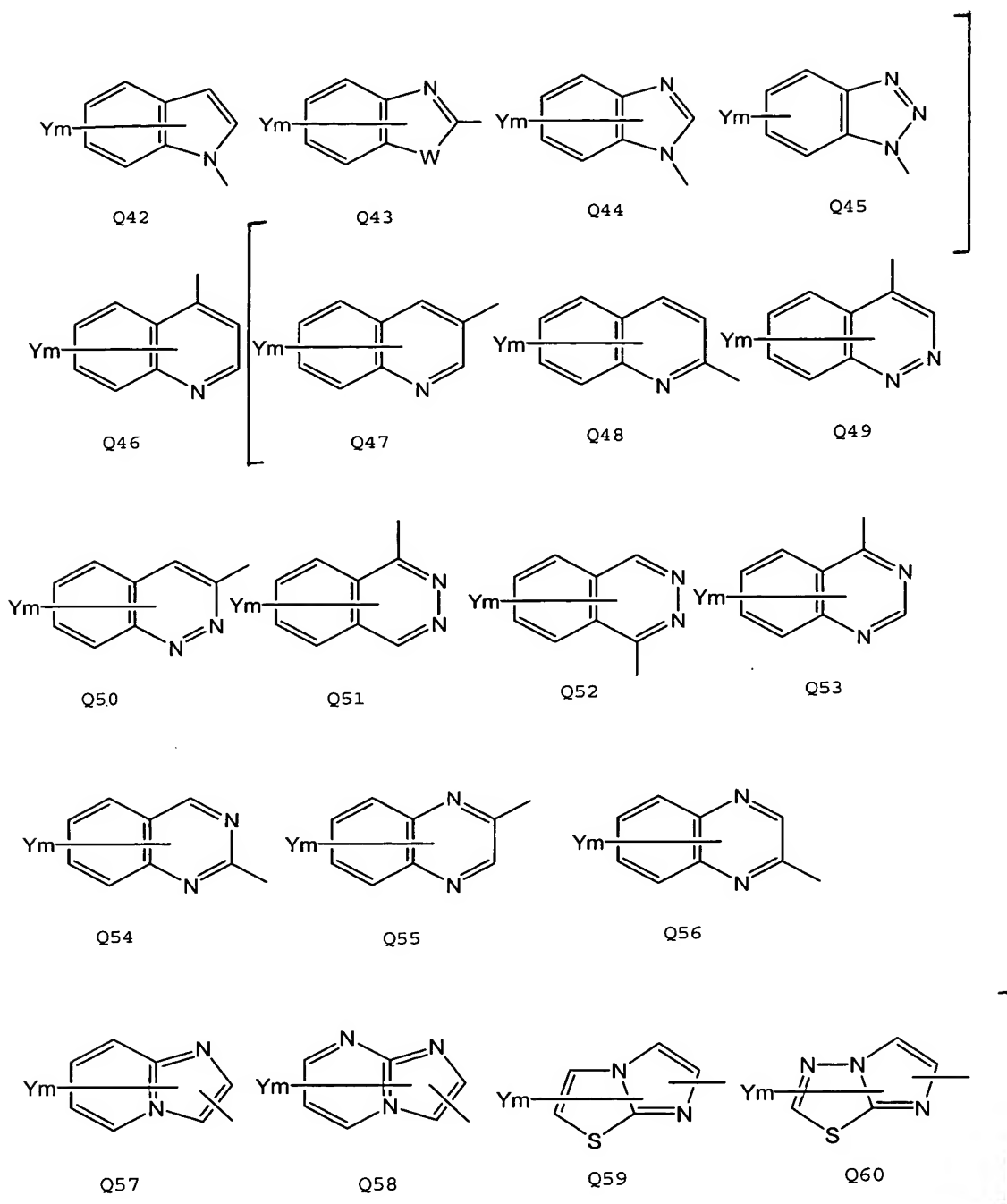
n represents an integer of 0 to 4; further, X may be taken conjointly with the adjacent carbon atom on the phenyl ring to form a fused ring (as used herein, the term fused ring means naphthalene, tetrahydronaphthalene, indene, indane, quinoline, quinazoline, chroman, isochroman, indole, indoline, benzodioxane, benzodioxole, benzofuran, dihydrobenzofuran, benzothiophene, dihydrobenzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indazole), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-

C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

Q represents an N-, S- or O-containing, optionally substituted, heterocyclic group or fused heterocyclic group, selected from the group consisting of the following formulas ~~Q1 to Q60~~ Q26 to Q28 and Q46 ;







(in these formulas, Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio

group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ (in this formula, A² and R⁷ are as defined above); m represents an integer of 0 to 6; R¹³ in the formula Q22 and Q23 represents hydrogen atom, C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkoxy C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkoxy C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylthio C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylthio C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₄-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₄-C₆ alkoxy group, C₄-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylthio group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₄-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl C₄-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group

~~consisting of halogen atom, C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₄-C₆ alkoxy group, C₄-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylthio group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, or substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₄-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkyl group, C₄-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₄-C₆ alkoxy group, C₄-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylthio group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₄-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group);~~

alternatively, Y may be taken conjointly with adjacent carbon atom on the ring to form a fused ring (the fused ring is as defined above), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group,

halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

~~W represents O, S or N-R¹³ (in this formula, R¹³ is as defined above); and Z¹~~
and Z² represent oxygen atom or sulfur atom.

Claim 6. **(Currently Amended)** An agrihorticultural insecticide according to claim 5, wherein R¹, R² and R³, which may be same or different, represent hydrogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group or -A¹-(G)_r (in this formula, A¹ represents C₁-C₈ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group or C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; G, which may be same or different, represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, diphenylphosphino group, diphenylphosphono group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (as used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means pyridyl group, pyridine-N-oxide group,

pyrimidinyl group, furyl group, tetrahydrofuryl group, thienyl group, tetrahydrothienyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, oxadiazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, thiadiazolyl group, imidazolyl group, triazolyl group or pyrazolyl group), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -Z³-R⁴ (in this formula, Z³ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -N(R⁵)- (in this formula, R⁵ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo

C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), and R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, formyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, mono (C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group

consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group); and r represents an integer of 1 to 4); further, R¹ and R² may be taken conjointly with the N to which they are attached to form 4- to 7-membered rings which may be intercepted by 1 to 3, same or different oxygen atom, sulfur atom or nitrogen atom;

X, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio

group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ [in this formula, A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -NR⁸- (in this formula R⁸ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenylcarbonyl group, substituted phenylcarbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxycarbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)-, -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and

(1) in cases where A² represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -NR⁸- (in this formula, R⁸ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkenyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆

alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A³-R⁹ (in this formula, A³ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenylene group, C₃-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R⁹ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁴-R¹⁰ (in this formula, A⁴ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂- or -C(=O)-; and R¹⁰ represents C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl

group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group));

(2) in cases where A² represents -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ is as defined above), R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylamino group, substituted phenylamino group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as

defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

(3) in cases where A² represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group, R⁷ represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, tri(C₁-C₆) alkylsilyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁵-R¹¹ (in this formula, A⁵ represents -O-, -S-, -SO- or -SO₂-; and R¹¹ represents C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting

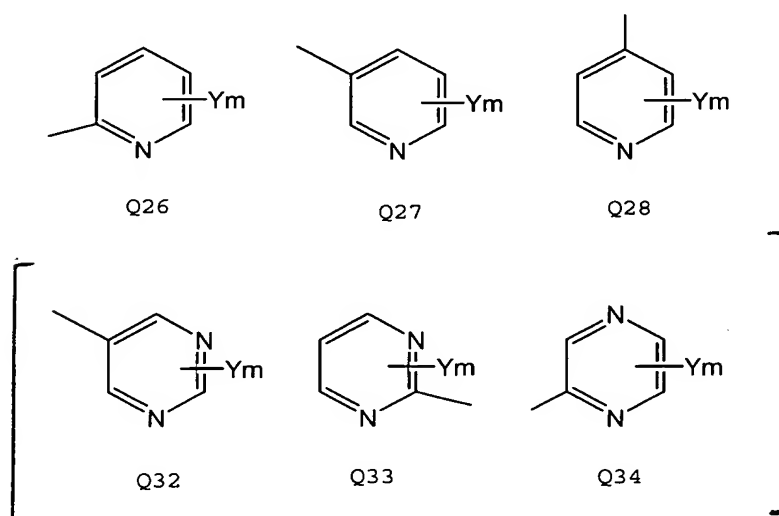
of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A⁶-R¹² (in this formula, A⁶ represents C₁-C₆ alkylene group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylene group, C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, halo C₂-C₆ alkenylene group, C₂-C₆ alkynylene group or halo C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; and R¹² represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenoxy group, substituted phenoxy group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆

alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenylthio group, substituted phenylthio group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group))];

n represents an integer of 0 to 4; further, X may be taken conjointly with the adjacent carbon atom on the phenyl ring to form a fused ring (as used herein, the term fused ring means naphthalene, tetrahydronaphthalene, indene, indane, quinoline, quinazoline, chroman, isochroman, indole, indoline, benzodioxane, benzodioxole, benzofuran, dihydrobenzofuran, benzothiophene, dihydrobenzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indazole), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl

group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

Q is an optionally substituted, heterocyclic or fused heterocyclic group represented by one of the following formulas Q26 to Q28 and ~~Q32 to Q34~~;



(in these formulas, Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl group, substituted

phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -A²-R⁷ (in this formula, A² and R⁷ are as defined above); m represents an integer of 0 to 4;

alternatively, Y may be taken conjointly with adjacent carbon atom on the ring to form a fused ring (the fused ring is as defined above), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and

substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

Z¹ and Z² represent oxygen atom or sulfur atom.

Claim 7. **(Currently Amended)** An agrihorticultural insecticide according to claim 6, wherein R¹, R² and R³, which may be same or different, represent hydrogen atom, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group or -A¹-(G)_r (in this formula, A¹ represents C₁-C₈ alkylene group, C₃-C₆ alkenylene group or C₃-C₆ alkynylene group; G, which may be same or different, represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, diphenylphosphino group, diphenylphosphono group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl

group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (as used herein, the term "heterocyclic group" means pyridyl group, pyridine-N-oxide group, pyrimidinyl group, furyl group, tetrahydrofuryl group, thienyl group, tetrahydrothienyl group, tetrahydropyranyl group, oxazolyl group, isoxazolyl group, oxadiazolyl group, thiazolyl group, isothiazolyl group, thiadiazolyl group, imidazolyl group, triazolyl group or pyrazolyl group), substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, or -Z³-R⁴ (in this formula, Z³ represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -N(R⁵)- (in this formula, R⁵ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, phenyl carbonyl group, substituted phenyl carbonyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group, substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkoxy carbonyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, C₁-C₆

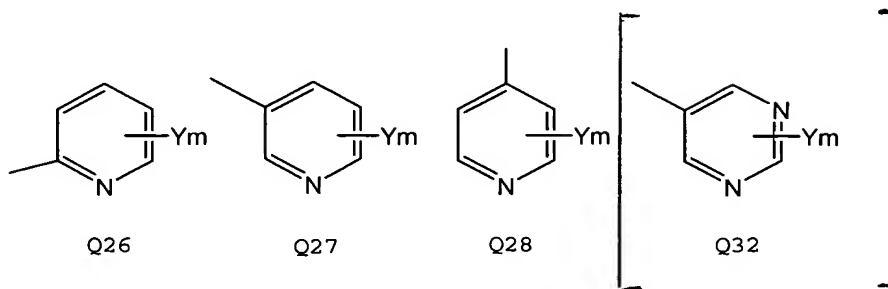
alkylsulfonyl group or halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), -C(=O)- or -C(=NOR⁶)- (in this formula, R⁶ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, or substituted phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group), and R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkenyl group, C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, halo C₃-C₆ alkynyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio C₁-C₆ alkyl group, formyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylaminothiocarbonyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxyphosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, di(C₁-C₆) alkoxythiophosphoryl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkoxy groups may be same or different, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆

alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl C₁-C₄ alkyl group, substituted phenyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl group having, on the ring thereof, at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group); and r represents an integer of 1 to 4); further, R¹ and R² may be taken conjointly with the N to which they are attached to form 4- to 7-membered rings which may be intercepted by 1 to 3, same or different oxygen atom, sulfur atom or nitrogen atom;

X, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, amino group, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, mono(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group, di(C₁-C₆) alkylamino group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonylamino group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylcarbonylamino group, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl group, or tri(C₁-C₆) alkylsilylethynyl group in which the (C₁-C₆) alkyl groups may be same or different; and n represents

an integer of 0 to 4; further, X may be taken conjointly with the adjacent carbon atom on the phenyl ring to form a fused ring (as used herein, the term fused ring means naphthalene, tetrahydronaphthalene, indene, indane, quinoline, quinazoline, chroman, isochroman, indole, indoline, benzodioxane, benzodioxole, benzofuran, dihydrobenzofuran, benzothiophene, dihydrobenzothiophene, benzoxazole, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indazole), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group;

Q represents an optionally substituted, heterocyclic or fused heterocyclic group represented by one of the following formulas Q26, Q27, and Q28 ~~and Q32~~:



(in these formulas, Y, which may be same or different, represents halogen atom, cyano group, nitro group, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenoxy group, substituted phenoxy group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), or substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆

alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and m represents an integer of 0 to 4;

alternatively, Y may be taken conjointly with adjacent carbon atom on the ring to form a fused ring (the fused ring is as defined above), and said fused ring may have at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, phenyl group, substituted phenyl group having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group, heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above), and substituted heterocyclic group (the term heterocyclic group is as defined above) having at least one, same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkyl group, C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, halo C₁-C₆ alkoxy group, C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylthio group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl group, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group and halo C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

Z¹ and Z² represent oxygen atom or sulfur atom.

Claim 8. **(Previously Presented)** A method for using an agrohorticultural insecticide characterized by treating an objective crop or applying to soil with an effective quantity of an agrohorticultural insecticide according to claim 5 for the purpose of controlling noxious organisms doing harm to useful crops.